



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Melanie Sloan, Executive Director
Citizens for Responsibility and
Ethics in Washington
11 Dupont Circle, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: MUR 5676
Steptoe & Johnson
US-Cuba Democracy Political Committee
Gus Machado, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Sloan:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on August 15, 2005. On July 14, 2006, based upon the information provided in your complaint and the responses, the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and close its file in this matter on July 28, 2006.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (December 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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